

LONDON**Social Security as Issue**

Social security has become a major issue in the forthcoming British election, as it has in the United States election. Both the Labor Party and the Conservatives accept the principle that in societies as economically advanced as the major Western nations, all citizens should receive all basic "social services"—including education and medical care as well as retirement income, unemployment relief, etc. in this concept. The Laborites hold that all the services

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should be without charge to the individual and paid for by general taxation. The Tories propose: a) that a moderate charge be made to the individual in each case, with a remission if necessary in the case of the truly needy; and b) that those who wish to may "contract out" of the system, with respect to such provisions as medical care, schooling for children, pension or what not, with an appropriate reduction in taxes.

GENEVA**Silenced Church**

The leading newspapers and magazines of the Western world, almost all of them Liberal or leftist in ideology, gave huge, spectacular and prolonged coverage to Pope John's encyclical, *Mater et Magistra*, which was interpreted as a swing toward the favorite ideas and proposals of Liberalism in matters both domestic and international. The encyclical, *Ecclesiam Suam*, of Pope Paul, which is interpreted as a corrective swing back into the Church's traditional posture, and which in particular singles out Communists as well as Communism for explicit attack, has been relegated, for the most part, to back pages and small space. It is not even being much attacked—which would, of course, tend to make it more noticed—but rather ignored, like a *gaffe* that one hopes will be forgotten if not talked about.

RIO DE JANEIRO**The Wall**

For the anniversary of the appearance of the Berlin Wall (August 13), the new Brazilian Government decided to give the inhabitants of Rio de Janeiro a dramatic lesson in the meaning of Communism. They built in the center of the city an exact replica of a section of the Berlin Wall, a hundred meters long and two meters high, complete with barbed wire, observation lookouts and machine gun posts. A memorial service was conducted for the 105 persons who have been killed trying to get through the Berlin Wall.

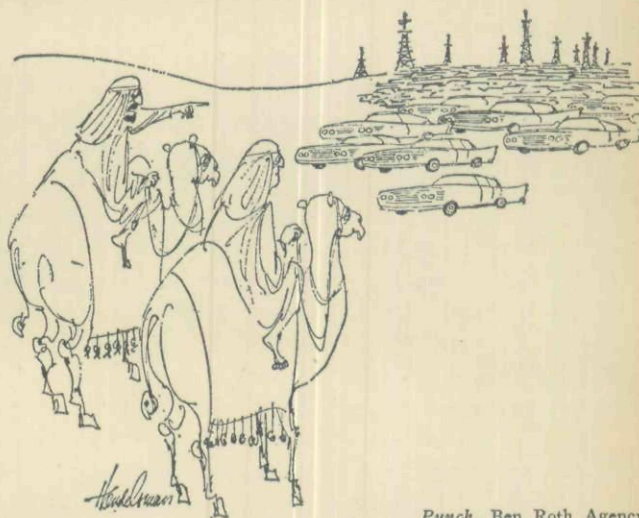
STRASBOURG**Inflexible Response**

In a speech delivered in Strasbourg, Pierre Messmer, de Gaulle's Minister of the Armies, formally declared that General Charles Ailleret's lecture at the June 26 NATO conference "expressed the opinion of the French Government." Ailleret had declared that the possible replies to a Soviet thrust into western Europe are three only: 1)

counterattack with conventional (non-nuclear) arms; 2) counterattack using tactical (low yield) nuclear weapons; 3) general counterattack including strategic nuclear missiles. He stated that in the French view, the first two alternatives must be dismissed: the first is "not serious" in the light of Soviet conventional strength; the second might conceivably win the decision, but only at the cost of the devastation of all Europe. France therefore accepts the third alternative ("massive retaliation" directly against Soviet territory, including Soviet cities) exclusively. Ailleret explicitly attacked the Kennedy-McNamara doctrine of "flexible response." In a typically French twist, he refused to translate the American phrase, "flexible response," explaining that in French, "réponse flexible" would mean a yielding response, one that lacked firmness. Since France is rapidly acquiring a modest arsenal of nuclear weapons and the means (Mirage IV planes) of delivering them to Soviet targets, the Ailleret declaration has produced profound, though, carefully hidden, consternation among American strategic planners.

ZANZIBAR**A Spicy Story**

The Communist takeover is not expected to interfere significantly with Zanzibar's major industry: cultivation of the clove tree, which brings two-thirds of export earnings and is thus the key to the local economy. Zanzibar and its affiliated island of Pemba raise more than three-fifths



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**"Look! The Saudi Arabians
are massing at the border!"**

of the world clove total, with the remainder coming from Madagascar. Until 1940 most cloves were used for making an imitation vanilla flavoring. This market suddenly disappeared when an even cheaper imitation vanilla, made from coal-tar, was developed. But cloves were saved when a cigarette made of chopped cloves compounded with tobacco, which had been invented by the Dutch, caught on in Indonesia, where they are smoked as an alternative to opium. Indonesia is now much the world's largest user of cloves.

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